

## David Robinson Partner

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## Overview

David Robinson is a partner in the corporate department at Fladgate.

He specialises in equity capital markets and in both public company and private company mergers and acquisitions.

David acts for international and domestic clients across a range of industries and has particular experience in the resources, IT and publishing sectors.

An example of a transaction on which David has advised is Sirius Petroleum PLC's readmission to AIM with a contemporaneous equity placing and entry into a convertible loan facility.

David's expertise in both Flotations: Small & Mid-cap and Media and Entertainment is highlighted by the Legal 500.

He joined Fladgate on qualification in March 1995 and has been a partner since April 2000.

## Experience

- Advising AIM listed One Delta plc (now Audioboom Group plc) on the acquisition, by way of reverse takeover, of Audioboom Limited, the owner of a social media, SaaS based, digital audio platform which allows professional and amateur content producers to create and broadcast non-musical content. Subsequently advising Audioboom Group plc on its £4.5m placing and conversion of £1.5m of loan notes.
- Advising AIM listed Satellite Solutions Worldwide Group plc on two rounds of investment from Business Growth Fund (totalling £12m) and on the raising of a further £12m by way of an equity placing to fund two acquisitions.

## Expertise

Corporate law

- Capital Markets
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Equity & Venture Capital

## Industry

Fintech

Owner Managed Businesses

Media & Technology

Energy & Resources

International

## International

China

Asia Pacific

## Location

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- Advising Gfinity plc on its admission to trading on AIM and contemporaneous £3.5m placing, together with subsequent equity fundraisings. Gfinity is a leading electronic sports (esports) business that provides a hub for a rapidly expanding global community who compete against or view online competitors playing a range of electronic games such as FIFA 2015 and Call of Duty.
- Advising AIM listed LiteBulb Group Limited on three rounds of convertible loan notes, on the acquisitions of Meld Group Limited, Concept Merchandise Limited, Go Entertainment Limited and Bluwstuff Limited and on equity placings.
- Advising AIM listed Tri-Star Resources plc on: its £4m convertible loan note issue to Odey European Inc.; the acquisition of Canadian listed company Portage Minerals, Inc.; its £4.4m open offer; and the waiver of Rule 9 of the City Code.
- Advising on the listing of several companies on the Official List and to trading on the Standard segment of the London Stock Exchange's Main Market.
- Advising Japanese listed company, CTI Engineering Co. Ltd on its successful £43m recommended takeover offer for Main Market listed Waterman Group PLC (joint instruction with Lewis Townsend LLP).
- Advising The Random House Group Limited on the acquisition of the majority shareholding in BBC Books from BBC Worldwide and on a worldwide partnership with Virgin Books to develop the Virgin Books brand in the field of book, audio and digital publishing.
- Advising Penguin Books Limited on the sale of The Rough Guides Limited.
- Advising the shareholders of Cryptocard on the sale of the company to US based SafeNet. SafeNet is one of the largest information security companies in the world.
- Advising Abriand Limited, a company established by management to acquire, by way of a £20m takeover offer, the entire issued share capital of Brasserie Bar Co Limited, which owns the Blanc Brasserie premium casual dining business and The White Pub Company gastropub business.
- Advising Bluewater Bio International, a provider of innovative wastewater treatment technologies, on a £22.5m equity financing round. The transaction was led by specialist cleantech investors Ombu Group and Hermes GPE Environmental Innovation Fund LP.
- Advising on the disposal by health club operator Esporta of a 13-club package of health and fitness clubs to Virgin Active. The deal involved the sale of seven health and fitness clubs in the UK as well as Esporta's Spanish subsidiary.
- Advising Swindon Football Holdings Ltd and Andrew Black on the sale of Swindon Town FC to a local consortium headed by Banbury United owner Jed McCrory.

## Testimonials

"Highlights for Fladgate LLP corporate lawyer David Robinson included advising Cambridge University Press on its acquisition of a list of language textbooks from Advance Materials and assisting One Delta with its acquisition of Audioboom."  
*Legal 500 2016*

"Fladgate LLP's 'approach is pragmatic and constructive', with its 'very knowledgeable lawyers providing excellent service'. 'Safe pair of hands' David Robinson acted on a number of TMT deals..."

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### *Legal 500 2015*

“At Fladgate LLP, David Robinson advised non-life insurance company Gable Holdings on a £10.7m placing and Tri-Star Resources on a £0.5m placing of ordinary shares.”

### *Legal 500 2014*

“Fladgate LLP ‘always provides good service on competitive terms’. The ‘diligent, tenacious and practical’ David Robinson has ‘a very deep understanding of commercial and legal issues’, and recently advised BidTimes on its re-admission to AIM as Powerhouse Energy Group.”

### *Legal 500 2012*

“Fladgate LLP ‘consistently outperforms the competition’ on deals, for a largely entrepreneurial client base. It advised Abriand Limited on its £20m takeover of Blanc Brasserie. David Robinson is ‘extremely intelligent, has huge knowledge and experience’.”

### *Legal 500 2012*

“Fladgate LLP’s practice handles a range of cross-border work; David Robinson has been instrumental in increasing the firm’s links with Asia-based clients”.

### *Legal 500 2017*

“Fladgate LLP handles soft IP litigation across the media and sports sectors, with particular expertise in publishing and e-publishing. The team also advises on data protection and security, e-commerce, digital media and social media. It acted for Monster Energy on a number of marketing and advertising campaigns. Digital Cinema Media, Odeon Cinemas and Parkway Cinemas are also clients. IP, technology and commercial specialist Eddie Powell heads the team...corporate lawyer David Robinson handles capital markets and M&A in the technology and publishing sectors.”

### *Legal 500 2017*

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